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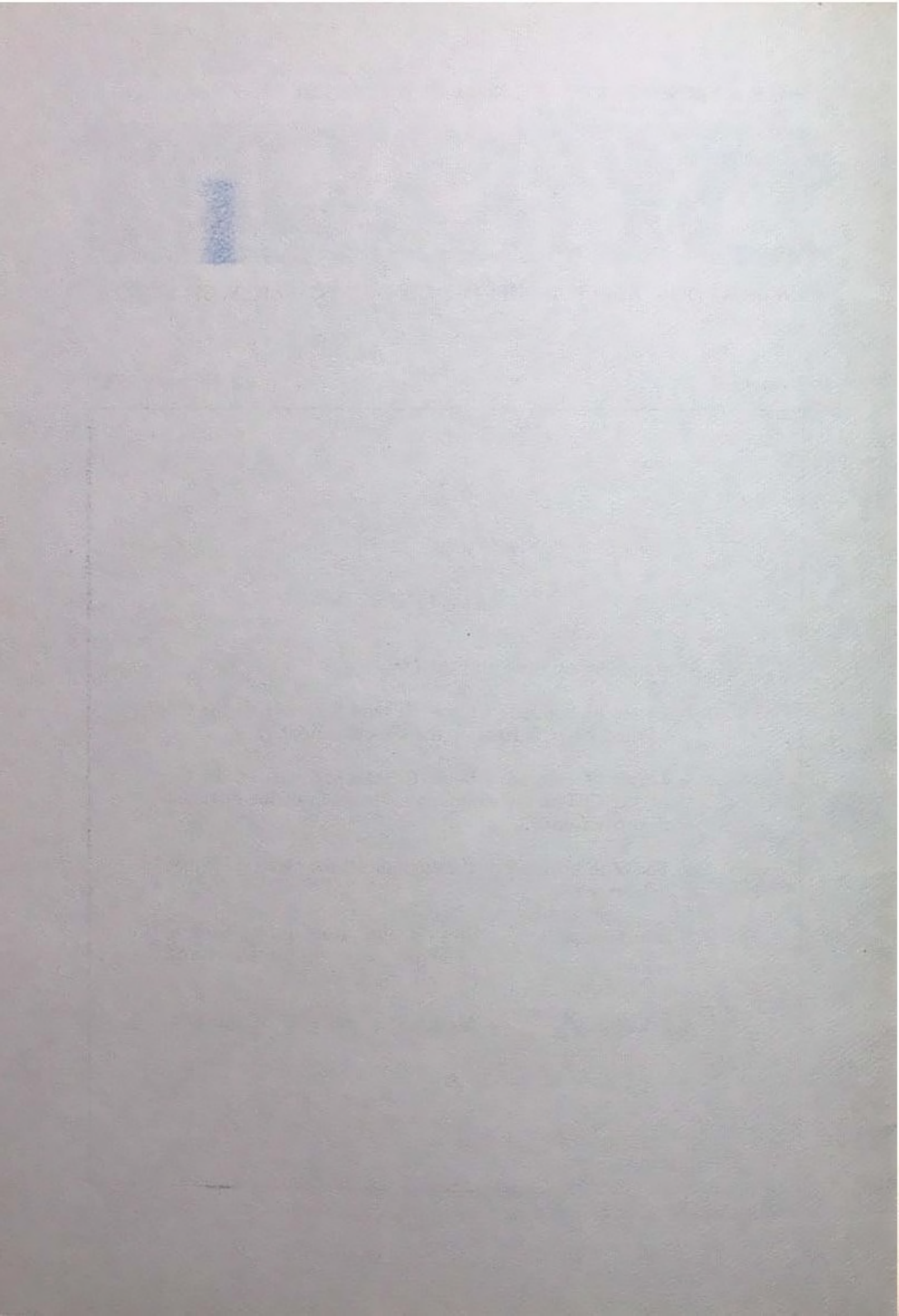
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## STATEMENT

The working class of Turkey is facing one of the severest onslaughts it has ever experienced in its history. Thousands of workers with different world outlooks - communist, socialist, religious-minded are being persecuted. The repression has reached its highest point with the trial of 52 leaders of the Confederation of Revolutionary Workers' Trade Unions (DİSK) for whom the prosecution has demanded the death sentence.

The lives of the DİSK leaders are in danger. The same forces who are pushing the country into dangerous adventures on the coattails of the US imperialism, who are attempting to tear up the 1961 Constitution and who are trying to shift the burden of the crisis remorselessly onto the shoulders of the workers and working people now with one voice demand the heads of workers' leaders. Therefore, the trial of 52 DİSK leaders and the demand for death sentence should be regarded as endangering not only the lives of the trade unionists but also our national independence and security, our freedom and bread. All these prove that the statements of the junta towards a "return to democracy" are merely a ploy.

The trade unionists are being tried by fascist methods. "The State of War" clause which was not applied even to those who shed the blood of thousands of citizens and murdered Kemal Türkler, a former Chairman of DİSK on the instruction of their Führer, is now being applied to DİSK. It is evident that the junta has declared war against the working class.

The trial conducted by the martial law court is directed not only against 52 trade unionists, but also against millions of workers. The prosecutor is not in a position to produce even one scrap of evidence which would link the trade unionists with "acts of terrorism". Because such evidence simply does not exist. But the prosecutor is demanding the death sentence because of the acts of hundreds of thousands of workers and working people, strikes involving millions of workers and magnificent May Day manifestations. Thus, not only the lives of 52 trade unionists are in danger. The basic freedoms of the workers, their right to strike, to form trade unions, to bargain collectively are threatened by the so-called "democratic" regime of the future. To save the 52 serves the cause of freedom and the workers' struggle for bread.

Moreover, in order to obtain a death sentence for the DİSK leaders, prosecutor Süleyman Takkeci, of the notorious counterinsurgency squad, claims that DİSK is an organisation "tied" to the Communist Party of Turkey. Our party has always refuted such vulgar slander. DİSK and its affiliated unions have no organisational ties with our party whatsoever. The Communist Party of Turkey defends the organisational independence of the trade unions. Yes, trade unions should be independent, above all, from the bourgeois state. Those who



put DİSK on trial are attempting to bring the trade unions under the remorseless hegemony of the bourgeois state. True, workers in many cases have elected communists to the leadership of the trade unions both nationally and on the shop floor and it is against this that the military authorities are now waging their present noisy campaign. This process of the trade union struggle cannot be stopped. Workers supported the members of our party in the past and are supporting them today solely because they defended consistently and courageously the rights and interests of the working class. This is the most evident proof, not that DİSK is tied to CPT, but that millions of workers and the working people have obtained a consciousness that their class interests are opposed to those of this repressive and exploitative system.

All these developments in Turkey, particularly the trial of the 52 tear off the mask of imperialism, the Reaganites and internal reaction. While they shed crocodile tears for Poland, they support in Turkey the dictatorship which persecutes thousands of trade unionists, tries 52 DİSK leaders with a demand for the death sentence and put approximately one thousand progressives in jail on the grounds that they are members of CPT.

The aims in threatening 52 trade unionists with the death sentence are evident. Workers are to be deprived of their democratic trade union rights. The working class is also to be chained in the so-called "democracy" of the future. Workers! Do not submit to this!

The junta is doing everything in its power to slander the magnificent 15-year old history of the struggle of DİSK. The strikes waged by hundreds of thousands of workers at the cost of injury and even life, for the right to work, for bread and freedom, the organisation of May Day manifestations are put on a par with the crimes and murders of a handful of terrorists and anti-people fascists. The aim of this is to eradicate from the consciousness of our working class the revolutionary traditions of its own struggle.

The Communist Party of Turkey calls on all our working class, all working people and all freedom-loving citizens to display solidarity with DİSK. Freedom to the 52! Let us prevent the murders planned by the courts of the junta! Unity of action of all workers is a foremost necessity in order to lift the ban on DİSK and to end the pressures on Türk-İş. Every worker now realises clearly that division in the trade union ranks created wide opportunities for the collaborating monopoly bourgeoisie. So let us gather all our strength anew to struggle for unity of the trade unions!

In reality, the prospects for saving the 52 and bringing the struggle for trade union rights and freedoms to a successful end are better than it is thought. The junta had to resort to the manoeuvre of declaring the election date in view of the internal and external pressures. This shows, that while, on the one hand, the dictatorship is intensifying repression against the people, on the other hand, its position is becoming weaker. The trial of the 52 is arousing increasing indignation in our country. All trade unions in the world, the World Federation of Trade Unions, International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, World Confederation of Labour, hundreds of millions of workers are united in solidarity with DİSK.

Freedom to the 52!

8 January 1982

*Central Committee,  
Communist Party of Turkey*



Mr. R.Reagan - USA PRESIDENT

Mr. Reagan,

As you know, since 12 September 1980 a military dictatorship is established in Turkey, who is a member of NATO. The generals who came to power after a military coup, have put an end to the constitution and the parliament. All the parties are dissolved. They banned the trade unions with a membership of hundreds of thousands. All the basic democratic rights, trade union and worker freedoms have been ended. For sixteen months, heavy martial-law rules are applied. The prisons are full with tens of thousands of communists, socialists, patriots. Till now, more than 500 progressive persons are killed under police torture and operations.

At present, the military junta has put on trial 52 trade unionists before the martial-law courts demanding death penalty without any valid accusation. The court case of these trade union leaders for whom the death penalty is demanded just because of their trade union activities which have involved hundreds of thousands of workers, started on 24 December 1981 according to the "war time" procedures.

You, however, at your Noel speech which is delivered at the same day, have defended the boycott against Poland, arguing that you are for the defence of the worker' and trade union rights and trade unionists of that country.

Now we would like to ask this question, on behalf of the millions of workers of Turkey whose trade union rights are banned and whose leaders are to be sent to death, on behalf of the families and friends of those 52 trade unionists who were kept under military prison for 16 months: If you are for the workers' and trade union rights, why then, you keep silent when before the eyes of the whole world, in Turkey, justice, law and human rights are so cruelly crushed?

You have not only kept silent on the face of such barbarous acts in a NATO country. But you have also been supporting the junta who is trying to turn Turkey into a concentration camp, from the very first day it came to power. Today, no country except the USA, whether in NATO or not, could not dare openly to support the junta. However, your Defence Minister Weinberger, when he was in Ankara at December, declared once more to the generals the USA support will continue. It is obvious that: if there had not been this support you have given, in order to be able to keep our country in NATO, oppression and terror in our country would never have reached such dimensions. Under such circumstances, you are under a grave responsibility. You are collaborating with the crime of those who attempt to execute 52 innocent trade unionist, just like, those 1st of May trade unionists who were hanged in 1887 in Chicago. This is how our people understand the matter.

You, in your speech on 30th December, in order to cover up your attempts to interfere into the internal affairs of Poland, tried to accuse the Soviet Union of interference into the internal affairs of Poland, and of behaving against the UN and Helsinki agreements. There has never been and is no evidence that the Soviet Union have never behaved against the international agreements. However, there are many evidences that, such methods like interference into the internal affairs, threats, oppression, punishment, embargo are the basics of the USA foreign policy.



Our people have seen and know these with the bitter experiences of last 30 years. Just like other USA administrations, your administration have also made a habit of crudely interfering the internal affairs of Turkey, who is also one of the signatories of the Helsinki Final Act as the USA. But we may add that your administration however reaches to more extreme dimensions.

Our people know very well that CIA had played a very effective part in the climbing wave of terror which have reached to the dimensions of taking 20-30 lives daily and have brought the country to the conditions of military coup of 12 September 1980. This is nothing but the application of the CIA strategy aiming at destabilizing the countries and causing internal tensions. On this subject, if you like, you could consult very easily to your vice president, ex-CIA agent Mr. Bush and also Under Secretary of Defence, ex-CIA second chief Carlucci. They can provide you with detailed information.

Today, your administration is applying heavy pressures and threats on Ankara since for a long time, in order to provide on our territory for bases and other means for the so-called "Rapid Deployment Force" which is nothing but an aggressive force in accordance with your policy of creating international tensions and confrontation. You are preparing to send your Foreign Minister Mr. Haig to our country in coming days. Your intention is to carry our country into adventures on behalf of your interests, also outside the NATO.

What is more, today, your administration is applying pressure in order to break our profitable relations with the Soviet Union and other socialist countries. You are supporting internal reactionaries and anti-Soviet circles. Even Washington Post has written about the operations of the CIA agents in our territory for their plots against our neighbour Iran. It is no secret that, you are doing your best, in order to create new tensions between Turkey and Greece, hoping to prevent the attempts of our neighbour Greece, of dismantling USA bases and breaking away from NATO.

In addition to all these, your administration has the habit of using the economic sanctions of such organisations as IMF which is under your control, as well as the USA military and economic aid as a weapon of the rude interferences of our internal affairs.

You say that, your attempts of using embargo against Poland and USSR are based on humanist and moral considerations. However, today you are applying boycott for nothing but to protect the counter revolutionaries in Poland, and thus you are interfering the internal affairs of that country. You are trying to use the legal sanctions taken against the counter revolutionaries as an excuse for your search to increase international tension and, deployment of new nuclear missiles in Western Europe. You are trying to use the legal sanctions of the legal administration in Poland for your war mongering attempts against the Soviet Union. But you support the junta in Turkey, who has no legal basis at all. You are doing this, since you want to reach your notorious aims at the Middle East which you have already declared as sphere of vital interest. The generals at power are all the graduates of your schools. All those weapons used in suppressing our people are "made in USA". The support you have given to the military dictatorship in Turkey, is bringing to our people nothing but starvation, poverty, oppression, and suppression. It is obvious, the last people who will believe in your words about humanitarian and moral motives behind your actions will be the people of Turkey.

Today, the working class and the democratic forces of Turkey are struggling



to save the lives of 52 trade unionists. All the trade unions of the world are supporting us in this struggle. Without doubt, nobody expects solidarity from an administration like yours who have chained their own trade unions. Like the Polish workers and communists did, the only thing we can say to you on behalf of the working class and democratic forces of Turkey is this: Take your dirty hands off our country!

11 January 1982

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*General Secretary*  
*Central Committee*  
*Communist Party of Turkey*

Army General Kenan Evren  
Chairman of National Security Council  
ANKARA

CC Communist Party of Turkey found it necessary to warn you on the attempt of murder, on the face of the situation arising at the court case opened for 52 DİSK leaders with the demand of death sentences.

This court case opened by the 2nd Martial Law Court of Istanbul is nothing but, making a mock of the justice, the law and the human rights before the eyes of the whole humanity. "War time" procedures, which are not even applied for fascist head Türkeş which poured the blood of thousands of citizens, are applied for the trade union leaders. These trade unionists who are brought below the gallows, are objectively deprived of using their right to self-defence. They are put on trial by fascist methods, under a dictatorial regime which abolished democratic freedoms and dissolved the constitution. The lives of 52 trade unionists are in danger.

52 DİSK trade unionists are demanded to be hanged just because of their trade union activities. The prosecutor of the Martial Law Court could not even find a single terrorist act to accuse them. The "crime" they are accused of is, the activities, strikes and 1st of May demonstrations in which hundreds of thousands workers have taken part... Thus, through this shameful accusation, behind the personalities of 52 trade unionists, there is an attempt of abolishing the very basic and legitimate rights of the working class and working people of Turkey, like protecting their jobs, wages and improving their conditions of living. This court case is not only against the millions of people who make their living out of their labour.

One of the accusations directed against DİSK leaders is, DİSK's being in "organisational connection" with CPT. This is completely an invented accusation. There is not any organisational connection of our party with DİSK or with any of its trade unions. However, workers support the members of our party just because they are the most wholehearted and principled defenders of the rights of working class. The only conclusion one should draw out of this fact is, not the existence of an "organisational connection" of DİSK with CPT, but the ever increasing class consciousness of the working class. In reality, one of the aims of this court case is an attempt to show DİSK as an illegal organisation. The other aim is, to abolish the democracy in the trade unions, the right of all workers to



be members and elected leaders of trade unions, without any distinction of their political convictions; which is nothing but the defence of the "trade union lordship".

Since 12 September, the increased activity of the most reactionary pro-American and pro-fascist forces within the army leadership have been reflected at the increasingly vacillating and contradictory steps of National Security Council. The declarations of "the good neighbourhood and cooperation with Soviet Union and other Socialist Countries" has given its place to the lie of "Soviet threat". The slogan of "preventing terrorism" is replaced by the slogan of "the arrest of communists and trade unionists". The plans of fascist NAP "to infiltrate the army and to prepare a coup" have long been forgotten, but instead of that the lie of "DİSK attempts to overthrow the state" has been propagated. How one could explain the setting free of the fascist leaders at the NAP court case, and the attempts to provide the secret court hearings, when it comes to investigation of the connections of NAP within the army? What kind of bargaining is taking place between your administration and Türkeş gang, in order to cover up the names of the collaborators of NAP within the army?

Under the present conditions, when USA imperialism is increasing tensions, this process is becoming ever more dangerous. Those who would like to harness Turkey to the war carriage of Reagan administration, are directing the fiercest of their aggression against the working class, its trade unions and political organisations.

We could see that, among the ranks of the military forces, those officers and noncommissioned officers, who are the followers of Atatürk, view all this with great concern. Those Kemalist circles who, at the beginning had supported the military junta, since it declared as being the follower of Atatürk, now increasingly taking a negative stand against these developments. The trial of 52 trade unionists, with the demand of death penalty, is nothing but a provocation to bring these patriotic circles of the army in confrontation with our people. Through this way, it is planned putting the army as a whole to the service of the reaction, under the so-called democratic regime of the future.

Persecutions directed against thousands of trade unionists, shop stewards and progressive forces are gross violations of the Helsinki Final Act, under which Republic of Turkey has a signature. What is more, your administration following the course of NATO, is in attempt to accuse Poland based on Helsinki Final Act. In socialist Poland, government has not come to power after a coup, but it is a legal government. There is a working parliament and a valid constitution. And, the legal government of this country is taking just measures against those enemies of socialism, who for the sake of taking the power by force, were destroying the economy and carrying the country on the verge of a civil war. However in Turkey, your power, who sets free the murderers of thousands of citizens, but attempts to give death sentences to 52 trade unionists, and who have arrested tens of thousands of citizens and dissolved the political parties, has no legal base at all. No, one can never dare to put Poland and Turkey on the same side of the scale. "Defence of Human Rights" in Poland, is like a ridiculous dress on Turkey, of reactionary military dictatorship, and on USA and NATO who support her.

The trial of 52 trade unionists and persecution of thousands of workers meet the anger and hatred of all the freedom lovers of the world. CPT, today although is facing the barbarous attacks of the military dictatorship, have never and will never stop at struggling for retreating the attacks against DİSK and the working



class. On behalf of the CPT CC, I declare my belief that, all the honest people of my country will be with the 52 trade unionists.

This trial, is in complete variance with your declarations about "return to democracy". For these words to be counted for anything but maneuver, the precondition is the freedom for 52 DİSK leaders and of all those patriots who had no relation with terror at all. Freedom and normal functioning for DİSK, and end of all pressures on TÜRK-İŞ. Freedom for all political parties except NAP.

None of the members of the Council could escape from being in collaboration with this crime of murder, with the argument of "independence of the courts". You, as chairman National Security Council could never escape from the responsibility of this grave crime before the conscience of our people. This is why, we warn you once more.

12 January 1982

*İ. Bilen*  
*General Secretary*  
*Central Committee*  
*Communist Party of Turkey*

## THE 80th BIRTHDAY OF THE COMMUNIST POET NAZIM HİKMET CELEBRATED

On 20 January 1982, the 80th birthday of Nazım Hikmet, the world-famous poet and a persistent fighter of the cause for peace and socialism, was celebrated. In Moscow and many other capitals of the socialist countries, meetings were held and exhibitions on his work and struggle were opened. All party organisations of the CPT, inspite of the hard clandestinity, commemorated this brave fighter, this member of the CC of the CPT, who used his head and pen in the service of his people until his death.

Nazım Hikmet was born 1902 in Thessalonike and entered the Naval School at the age of 15.1919, when he opposed the surrender of the officers of the battleship "Hamidiye" to the interventors, he was expelled from the school. 1921, together with three other friends he went to Anatolia, in order to take part in the national liberation struggle. Here, he met Turkish communists who belonged to the Spartakist movement in Germany. 1923, he entered the CPT. He worked in the central organs of the party "Orak-Çekiç" and "Aydınlık". Then he was entrusted with the establishment of a secret printing office of the CPT in İzmir. Since he was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment, he had to leave the country. 1928, while returning to the country he was captured in Hopa. 1931 he was imprisoned again with the accuse of "propagating communism". He was released because there wasn't any concrete proof against him. 1932 he was imprisoned again. He stood 5 years in prison. 1938 he was sentenced first to 15 years', then to 20 years' imprisonment with the accuse of "instigating the army to revolt". This time he stood in prison until 1950, 13 years. Inspite of all repression, he stood undaunted. His poems which were smuggled from prison secretly were spread from hand to hand, from mouth to mouth inside and outside the country. In the "Comittee for the Release of Nazım Hikmet", established 1949 in Paris, world famous personalities like Neruda, Picasso, Amado, Brecht worked.



Nazım Hikmet never accepted the condition imposed on him by the bourgeoisie: "Condemn communism, you will be free". Today, his struggle and his poems are still frightening the bourgeoisie. Nazım Hikmet was member of the World Peace Council.

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## HOW IS THE SITUATION IN TURKEY WHILE THE TRIALS AGAINST DİSK AND CPT ARE CONTINUING?

Abdullah Baştürk, president of DİSK (Confederation of Progressive Trade Unions), in his letter to the World Federation of Trade Unions and the French trade union center CGT is saying: "Our liberation depends on the protest of the international forces. Our trial is a political one. They demand death penalty for us. For this aim, they will go until the end and use every method." This letter which lead to broad echos within the international workers movement was written in a situation where tdeath punishment is demanded for 52 trade unionists, the repression and state terror mounted and the support and aid of US imperialism to the junta has increased.

Before the developments at the court case against DİSK, let us see some concrete examples from January 1982, how repression and terror is increased in Turkey:

The "social police" assigned with dissolving of the mass demonstrations is changed by an internal "Rapid Deployment Force". It is foreseen that every policeman should serve a fixed time in this force. Necmettin Ulak, member of the Republican People's Party RPP, was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment, with the accuse that "left publications are found" in the building of the RPP in Gölcük. Nahit Duru, responsible editor of the journal "Arayış" published by the RPP, started his three months sentence because of an article. Amnesty International declared that 70 persons died at the systematic and wide-spread tortures in Turkey. Mustafa Haskırış, a famous torturer (murder of Zeynel Abidin Ceylan) was smuggled outside the country before his sentencing for 14 years' imprisonment and gave an example how the junta is "persecuting the torturers". Candemir Özler, responsible editor of the progressive journal "Savaş Yolu" was sentenced to 9 years' imprisonment because of "propagating communism". The "National Security Council" declared that 7 662 persons are searched. The Ministry of Justice declared once more that 30 thousand political prisoners are in the military prisons. Ertuğrul Günay and Temel Ateş, MP's from the RPP, who are tried with the demand of 5 years' imprisonment, are refuse to be released. The Minister of Education, Hasan Sağlam, declared that 1 254 teachers are imprisoned. Even the radio station BBC broadcasted on 26 January 1982 a letter of the mothers from the prisoners of the Metris prison in Istanbul. In the letter which is signed by 25 mothers, it is stated that the prisoners are steadily forced not to see their relatives, tear gas is used inside



the prison, the prison is not heated during winter, the prisoners are steadily thrashed and the mothers who come to see their children are discriminated.

#### Attack on TİP:

Mrs. Behice Boran, president of the Workers' Party of Turkey (TİP) in her announcement published by Drapeau Rouge, stated that in December 1981 an onslaught on TİP is exerted. Boran said that 50 members of TİP in Ankara, and many others in Istanbul and other cities are detained. She said: "The junta, while on the one hand is trying to convince the Western political circles that it is returning to a democratic regime, is, on the other hand, increasing the repression on the working class, toiling masses, progressive people and the Kurdish people. Democracy in Turkey can come back only through the persistent and united struggle of all progressive forces".

#### The resolutions of European Parliament and European Council:

On the eve of January, a delegation from the European Council visited Turkey. The junta used every facility to give false information to the delegation who met also different politicians, representatives of the Bar Association, the relatives of the prisoners, and followed the court case against DİSK. The General Staff of Turkey, at a briefing tried to diktat the view on the delegation that the trade unionists for whom death punishment is demanded are not accused with their trade union activity. On 22 January 1982 the European Parliament adopted a resolution, where the deep concern on the trial against 52 trade unionists with the demand of death penalty is expressed and the ban on the activities of the political parties and trade unions, the arrests of thousands of people because of their thoughts, the executions and tortures were stated.

At the meeting of the Political Commission of the European Council, the military dictatorship in Turkey is accused heavily. It is decided to work for the trial of the junta at the European Court of Human Rights.

The representatives of the junta condemned these two resolutions. Arguing that the events in Turkey are the internal affairs of the country, they have denounced the Western European public opinion.

#### The support of the US imperialism to the junta:

USA Defence Minister Weinberger, who achieved the establishment of a "Turkish-USA Joint Defence Group" while his visit to Turkey in December 1981, said that he "admired" the measures taken by the junta. These words of Weinberger are used oftenly by the junta for its defence in front of the public opinion. Foreign Minister Türkmen, delivering a speech on the Danish TV, even said: "The USA does not interfere into our internal affairs".

The truth behind these words of Türkmen is the following:

In January, the junta demanded another military aid about 150 million dollars from the USA, besides the one of 400 million dollars promised before. Türkmen, in his interview with the newspaper "Milliyet" (7.1.1982) said: "A threat outside the borders of NATO will influence also NATO. All allies are sharing this view. Some NATO countries, especially the USA, are taking some measures against this threat". On the same day, a NATO general, John Williams, was visiting Turkey and making "studies" in Gölcük naval base. The defence minister Bayülken, has declared that 30 % of the budget is delivered for his ministry. On 26 January 1982 a delegation from Pentagon came to Turkey, in order to work out the secret items of the "Defence and Cooperation Treaty" with Turkey. This Pentagon delegation, made investigations in many cities and at many US and NATO bases. Foreign minister Türkmen, while escaping to



answer the question in regard these developments: "Are the Rapid Deployment Forces of the USA going to be deployed to Turkey?", underlined the following: "The relations with the USA and NATO are the basics of our foreign policy".

Journal "Stern" published in Federal Germany, was writing on the position of the USA the following: "The military aid of the USA to the military dictatorships in Latin America, in different parts of the world, even to Turkey-NATO member, and its silence in regard with the trampling of the human rights in these countries, in regard with the trial of the trade unionists threatened with death penalty in Turkey... On the other hand, the threats and blackmails of the same USA on its NATO allies to cooperate with its sanctions in regard with Poland... Such a policy can be only qualified, let us use the most mild term, as hypocrisy"... The same qualification is also reflecting the position of the prime minister of the junta of Turkey who took part in the "Reagan show" which was boycotted even by many TV corporations of the Western Europe.

The court case against DİSK-The international solidarity:

On the eve of January some data is issued on the economic situation in Turkey: Deficit in foreign trade: 4.5-5 billion dollars; foreign debt: 23 billion dollars; devaluation rate in one year: 48 %; number of the unemployed: 6 millions... Under these conditions, where the burden of the crises is overwhelmed upon the shoulders of the toilers, the court case against the 52 leaders of DİSK continued.

The military court is grasping still to fascist type procedures. All petitions delivered to the court by the lawyers are refused. The trade unionists have rejected the prosecutor Süleyman Takkeci who is acting not as a prosecutor but as the judge of a trial the end of which is yet fixed, and also the judge Çetin Güvener who is refusing steadily the enclosure of the petitions in the minutes of the trial.

The military prosecutor started to read his indictment which is defending politically the fascist movement, NATO, the collaboration with imperialism, and the junta. In the indictment where all forces who are for democracy, national independence, and peace are qualified as "communists", the prosecutor speaks besides the members of the RPP and the Bar Association also from the World Confederation of Labour as a "communist" organisation. In the indictment DİSK, who "achieved high wages for the workers", is accused with using "spiritual terror" and thus "intending to abolish the constitution and the parliament.

The solidarity movement with the 52's who are threatened with death penalty depending on such unlogical accusations, developed and strengthened during January and took the dimension of an international campaign.

"The Central Council of the Soviet Trade Unions are condemning the trial against DİSK and the demand of death penalty for the DİSK leaders who defended persistently the vital interests of the workers of Turkey. The working people of the Soviet Union who are organised at the rows of the Soviet trade unions demand the end of the trampling of the trade union rights and freedoms in Turkey and the repression, persecution and trials on the leaders and members of DİSK". On 31 December 1981 newspaper "Trud" published this statement. The trade union centers of Czechoslovakia and German Democratic Republic, in their statements, also protested the court case against DİSK and demanded the release of the trade unionists.

Trade union center of Cyprus, PEO, Intersindical of Portugal, after the CGT also the CFDT and FEN in France, and many other trade union organisations



in numerous countries issued statements protesting the DİSK trial and organised solidarity actions. In Athens and many other cities of Greece, in factories and schools many solidarity meetings took place.

Metal Trade Union International where the trade unions Maden-İş, Aster-İş and Limter-İş from DİSK are affiliated, in a statement on 29 December 1981 protested on behalf of 22 million workers the DİSK trial. All affiliated trade unions are called on actions to end the court case and to save the 52 DİSK leaders. Construction Trade Union International where the trade unions Baysen-İş, Hür Cam-İş and Keramik-İş from DİSK are affiliated, at the meeting of its bureau, decided to send a protest letter to prime minister Uluşu on behalf of its 17 million members. The stop of the DİSK trial and the release of the trade unionists are demanded. "Flashes", organ of the WFTU, in its 51st issue, published an appeal under the title: "Let us save Baştürk and his brothers". In this appeal the unity of action with ICFTU and ICL is demanded. İbrahim Zekeriya, the acting General Secretary of WFTU, at a press conference in Prague, demanded the raise of the solidarity movement, in order to save the DİSK leaders. The Second International Conference of the engineers and technical staff in Paris, which gathered 14-16 January 1982 sent a protest telegramm to General Evren in regard with the DİSK trial. In this telegramm the release of the DİSK leaders and the guarantee of the trade union rights and freedoms in Turkey is demanded.

While the solidarity movement of numerous fraternal parties and trade union organisations are strengthening in a series cities of Western Europe solidarity meetings and demonstrations with DİSK are taking place. Kemal Daysal, Member of the Executive Committee of DİSK, who took part at a meeting in Brussels, underlined the importance of the solidarity actions. On 13 February 1982, the 15th anniversary of the founding of DİSK, in numerous countries of Western Europe and in different cities, mass meetings and demonstrations will take place.

"CPT trials"- The struggle is continuing:

While the reactionary press in Turkey is widening the anticommunist and anti-Soviet campaign of lie and slander, every month one "CPT trial" is beginning.

After the trial in Gölcük, which started on 14 December 1981 against 230 patriots, the court case in Adana began on 15 January 1982 including 88 patriots. The press is writing that another court case will start on 15 February 1982 in Ankara including 222 patriots.

At the trials against the CPT in Gölcük and Adana, the hearings are continuing with the statements of the patriots. All patriots stated that the accusations of the prosecutors are not depending on concrete facts but on papers which they were forced to sign under heavy, inhuman tortures. Hasan Erdal Kayacı, at the trial in Gölcük, declared that a friend of him committed suicide because of the tortures. Lawyer Haydar Yapay said: "At June 1981 I was detained by the police and tortured heavily. Electroshocks and every kind of torture is exerted on me." Hüseyin Yılmaz, from the same court case said that he is working in a hospital where the injustice of the capitalist system is displayed very openly. A woman patriot, Hafize Çakar told: "I was 6 months pregnant, when I was detained together with my husband on 15 June 1981. Even this could not hinder the police to exert different tortures on me... At the political police, they told me 'your pregnancy is not an obstacle to torture you'. I was let hungry, thirsty and without sleep for many days." Many patriots stated that they stood more



than 90 days under torture, although the detention period at that time was 90 days.

At the court case in Adana, the patriots displayed the tortures and cited that the accusations in the indictment depend only on forced statements under torture.

The "CPT trials" are published by the newspaper "Cumhuriyet" and information is given on the hearings. A big group of lawyers are working to defend the patriots. The trials against the patriots of Turkey just because of their thoughts and their getting organised along their thoughts are leading to protests in the world public opinion. Besides the central organs of the fraternal parties, many liberal newspapers publish information on the "CPT trials".

At the Plenary meeting of the CC of the CPT in August 1981, it was stated that the struggle is continuing. After the beginning of the "CPT trials", numerous party organisations have intensified their activities. Many of them distributed leaflets on the court cases. The Marmara Regional Committee of the CPT, the district committees of Levent and Sefaköy in Istanbul, displayed the real reasons of the opening of the court cases against the CPT and the situation in Turkey. In these leaflets, the citizens are called to united struggle and united actions.

## documents

### TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE

Esteemed comrades,

On behalf of the communists of Turkey and the working class and the toilers of Turkey, the CC of the CPT congratulates the 60th anniversary of the founding of the fraternal Communist Party of Chile and sends its revolutionary greetings.

The Communist Party of Chile, from its founding on, stood at the frontmost line of the struggle of the working class and the people of Chile against imperialism and the ruling oligarchy. It played a very important role in the struggle for the unity of the trade union movement of the working class of Chile. It worked for the unity of the broadest possible democratic and antiimperialist forces. Along its history of 60 years, the Communist Party of Chile had days of joy, as well as of pain. In spite of the heavy repression of the ruling forces and the terrorist and barbaric methods exerted on the communists, it was always faithful to the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism. Today, it is continuing its struggle for the victory of the united action of the people of Chile and for a free and democratic Chile selflessly in spite of the heavy onslaught of the fascist dictatorship.

Esteemed comrades,

The Communist Party of Turkey, the progressive people of our country appreciate highly the solidarity with the communists and people of Chile. The democratic forces of our country who are continuing their struggle today under the hard conditions of the reactionary military dictatorship, are always at your side with deep feelings of friendship, solidarity and brotherhood. The Communist Party of Turkey and the Communist Party of Chile are bound fraternally on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism.



We wish that the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of Chile be a year of new upsurges and successes in the struggle against the fascist Pinochet dictatorship.

2 January 1982

With our communist greetings  
İ.Bilen  
General Secretary  
CC, CPT

## TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF SOVIET UNION

Esteemed comrades,

We have learned with deep sorrow the death of comrade M.A.Suslov, member of the Political Bureau of the CC of the Communist Party of Soviet Union and secretary of the CC.

With the death of comrade Suslov, the party and country Lenin's as well as the international communist movement lost a prominent fighter. The Communist Party of Turkey and the working class of Turkey know comrade Suslov as a fervent defender of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, as a close friend of the toilers of Turkey, and appreciate him highly as a Leninist politician and theoretician.

We share with you your deep sorrow on the death of comrade Suslov and convey our condolences to the Soviet communists and all Soviet people.

The communists of Turkey and the working class of Turkey will always keep his memory alive.

28 January 1982

With our communist greetings  
İ.Bilen  
General Secretary  
CC, CPT



